



GRACE HILL MENNONITE CHURCH

July 7, 2024

Worship Service

Prelude	
Greetings & Announcements	
Gathering: Psalm 103:1-18	HWB 822
*Gathering Hymn	<i>"Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing"</i> HWB 12
Offerings & Prayer	Mennonite Church USA
Offertory	
* <i>"Doxology"</i>	HWB 119
Sharing & Prayer + Lord's Prayer	
<i>"Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us"</i>	HWB 352
Scripture Reading	I Thessalonians 1:8-10; 5:6-11
Sermon	<i>"The Love of God & the Wrath of God"</i>
* Hymn	<i>"Holy, Holy, Holy!"</i> HWB 120
* Benediction	
Postlude	

*Indicates those comfortable in doing so, please stand.

Worship Service at 9:30 a.m., Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.

Pastor: Weldon Martens Scripture Reader: Lon Hiebert
Keyboard: Carol Klingenberg Song Leader: Bonita Schroeder
Usher: Kendall Claassen

For Sharing and Prayer

Allen and Elaine Patterson will be celebrating their 70th Anniversary at Grace Hill on July 21. Everyone is invited to a reception from 2-4 pm in the church fellowship hall. Cards may be sent to their home address if you cannot attend: 7805 SE 36th, Whitewater, KS 67154

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC congregations and members engaging in witness for peace and justice, seeking to follow the way of Jesus in the face of war and violence in the world.

Mennonite Mission Network: Participants from Belmont Mennonite Church, in Elkhart, Indiana, have just returned from a week-long Mennonite Mission Network-sponsored Just Peace Pilgrimage (JPP). Pray for them as they discern what Jesus' response is for their congregation, after witnessing the reality of life along the Mexico-United States border in southern Texas.

Church Events/Announcements

Next Sunday Child dedication of Bennett Robinson.

Education Council is asking for volunteers to teach children's Sunday School this summer. The curriculum will be animated New Testament videos with reproducible activities related to the story. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please consider this opportunity to support our children at Grace Hill!

Western District Conference Annual Assembly August 2-4 at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE. Grace Hill can send seven delegates to the assembly. Let K. John Klaassen know if you are interested in being a delegate. Registration deadline is July 21.

Grace Hill Mennonite Church 150th Homecoming Celebration will be Saturday, August 31st & Sunday, September 1st, 2024. Food, self-guided tours, programs and festivities will be in store! More information to come. Contact Virgil Penner at (316) 283-6738 or Marianne Eichelberger at meichelbe@gmail.com with questions.

Our Grace Hill Safe Church Policy (available in the church library) outlines procedures to keep children safe at Grace Hill. These procedures include background checks and child safety training every five years. Most of our current volunteers went through the screening and training process in 2019; therefore, it is time for a refresh. Our screening process includes three separate background checks (KS Department for Children and Families, KBI Offender Registry, and County/National Criminal Search through Protect My Ministry). New forms have been placed in mailboxes of current volunteers, new attendees, and parents of young children. Additional forms are available on the table in the foyer if needed. Please see Deb Regier, Diana Schunn, Courtney Nethercot, or Pastor Weldon if you have any questions.

Offerings for June 1-30, 2024

Local Church	4,065.00
MCUSA	930.00
OVM	710.00
Peace Connections	885.00
WDC	<u>1,170.00</u>
Total	\$ 7,760.00

Offering Next Sunday: Local Church

Church Offices

Pastor's Office Hours:
Wednesday – Afternoon, Friday – day off

Pastor: Weldon Martens
Email: weldon.martens@gmail.com

Church Secretary: Debbie Claassen
Secretary's E-mail: secretary@gracehillmc.org

Church Website: www.gracehillmc.org

Church address: 10218 SE 12th, Whitewater, Kansas 67154

Et Cetera

Mini Blitz at MCC! Come tie, trim, or bind comforters at the MCC Material Resource Center in North Newton on Friday, July 12 from 9-5 and Saturday, July 13 from 8-2. Bring a snack to share and a sack lunch/supper. Drinks will be provided. Beginners are welcome!

The Live Wire Stringband will perform at 6:30 p.m., Friday, July 12, at Kidron Bethel Village's Kidron Hall, 3001 Ivy Dr., North Newton. The Live Wire Stringband is a collection of players with decades of experience performing for audiences throughout the Midwest. They play old time fiddle tunes, gospel and traditional songs on the fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin and bass. Enjoy lively tunes that will make you want to move your feet! The concert is free and open to the public. Members of Live Wire Stringband include: Jesse Graber, Steve and Gail Goeke, and Bob and Melissa Atchinson.

WDC Annual Assembly: Local caterers are willing to provide gluten-free, dairy-free and vegan meals and diabetic desserts. Please note your special dietary needs on your registration as needed. Join us at the WDC Annual Assembly, August 2-4, 2024 at First Mennonite Church, Beatrice, NE. Register [HERE](#) -Registration deadline is July 21. The lodging deadline for a hotel room in WDC's block of rooms is **July 12!**

Greetings from Camp Mennoscah, On Saturday, August 3rd, at 3:00 pm at Faith Mennonite Church (Newton) we will be holding our annual Camp Sing event. All are welcome to join us for a gathering of the Camp Mennoscah community to sing camp songs led by the Summer Staff, enjoy a recap of the summer, and hear testimony to the great work camp is doing. Following the singing we will have popcorn and generic pop together! We would love to see you all there.

The Swiss Mennonite 150th Celebration of Coming to America will take place August 23-25 at Eden Mennonite Church, Moundridge. For a list of events and registration, go to www.swissmennonite.org.

Colorado Peaches are coming! The Palisade peaches on the Western Slope are looking to be a good crop once again. Peaches will be available to order from July 1-31. Orders can be made by contacting the MCC Central States Office at patsydirksen@mcc.org or calling 316-283-2720. Two sizes are available: 9 lbs. for \$30 and 18 lbs. for \$41. Payment for peaches in the form of cash or checks is due by August 1 to MCC. Checks should be made payable to Beth-El Mennonite Church with "peaches" in the memo line. Peaches will be available for pickup from the MCC Office, 121 East 30th, North Newton, on Monday, **August 19** (tentative date). This is a fundraiser for the Rocky Mountain Mennonite Relief Sale held in Castle Rock, Colorado, October 18-19.

Save the Date! Western District Women in Mission's annual Women's & Girls' Retreat will be Saturday/Sunday September 7-8 at Camp Mennoscah. The keynote speaker will be Kristine Regehr on the topic of Peaceful Practices. More information and registration info will follow in July. Activities will be available for girls age 5th grade - high school and women of all ages! Come for a time of relaxation, peace, and friendship! Questions? Email westerndistrictwomen@gmail.com.

Open to new participants. A confidential group of women meets to seek healing and hope as they support each other in the experience of betrayal trauma (a spouse or partner's use of pornography, affair, or sexual addiction). Bimonthly meetings are held Wednesday evenings via Zoom. This group is sponsored by First Mennonite Church of Newton and facilitated by Audrey Ratzlaff, M.Div. Contact Audrey at aaratzlaff@yahoo.com or 316-619-4580 for more information.

Camp Mennoscah is excited to be starting a new capital campaign! Watch for more information coming soon! Foundation 75 is going to be an exciting adventure for all of us involved at Camp Mennoscah!

Western District Conference invites you to visit their website at <https://mennowdc.org/> to read the latest news, stories and announcements.

Mennonite Church USA - Check out **Lead/Follow, MC USA's new video podcast**, hosted by MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton. This season is focused on youth and young adult engagement. [Watch it on our YouTube channel](#) or listen on Apple or Spotify.